

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated May 10, 2004. Claims 1-18 are pending. At the outset, Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication that claims 1-18 are in condition for allowance.

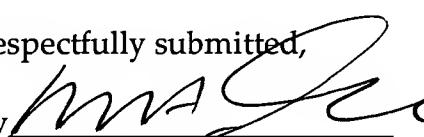
The Specification is objected to because of an informality. As instructed, the paragraph on page 5, line 4 through line 22, has been replaced. The word on line 10, "reached" has been changed to, "it reaches." No new matter has been introduced.

The Abstract of the Disclosure has been amended. Minor editorial changes were made to the Abstract. A marked-up version of the Abstract, showing changes made, was provided on page 2. A clean version of the Abstract was presented on page 3. Sixteen words have been removed from the Abstract. The Abstract is now 150 words or less and fully compliant with 37 C.F.R. § 1.72. Portions of the specification have also been editorially and grammatically revised. No new matter has been added in either the Abstract or Specification.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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